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Here's a short weekly update on the WA hydro dam permits.

Lower Columbia, Lower Snake River, Grand Coulee Dams

1. 401 certs (Washington and Oregon) – no updates
2. 316(b) – We are waiting to hear from EPA HQ on 316(b) before moving forward.
3. Permit development – Martin drafted a PCB Plan and monitoring language, routed the language for comments, and set up a meeting for this Friday to further refine monitoring requirements and EPA methods.
4. ESA Consultation – We met with John and Jamey to discuss the draft BE. We concluded that doing further water quality modeling (CORMIX) was necessary to: 1) better characterize the extent of the temperature impacts to define the action area; and 2) quantify the temperature impacts in a more detailed way, given the importance of temperature in the Columbia and Snake Rivers. We also discussed the importance of HQ's decision 316(b) for the action area scope.

Overall

1. Internal communications – No updates
2. External communications - No updates

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